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RE: Invention Disclosure TT403i

Entitled:
ASF STATE DETERMINATION BASED ON CHIPSET-RESIDENT WATCHDOG TIMER STATE AND SYSTEM
OPERATING STATE

Dear J. MIKE AMERSON:

Please prepare a US patent application for the subject invention disclosure and file the application in the USPTO within two months of this letter. A copy of the Invention Disclosure is enclosed.

Please follow the instructions set forth in AMD's DIRECTIONS TO OUTSIDE COUNSEL REGARDING PREPARATION AND PROSECUTION OF PATENT APPLICATIONS Version 1.0 dated May 1, 1996.

It is not necessary to prepare a PCT international application at this time. If one is later determined to be needed, AMD will so advise you.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at 512-602-5964, or the responsible AMD Technology Law attorney, LOUIS A. RILEY at 512-602-2788.

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INVENTION DISCLOSURE

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INVENTION IDENTIFICATION:

WORKING TITLE: ASE STATE DETERMINATION BASED ON CHIPSET-RESIDENT WATCHDOG TIMER STATE AND SYSTEM OPERATING STATE

BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND/OR SKETCH OF INVENTION (you may submit copies of Engineering Notebook pages, reports or drawings as ATTACHMENTS and describe below):

SEE ATTACHED

Engineering Notebook No. _____ Page Numbers: _____ Number of Drawings _____

ADVANTAGES (Check all that apply):

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Other Advantages _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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PLEASE ESTIMATE:

Cost per unit \$ 10Sales potential \$ 500M per 5 yearsProduct life (Number of years) 10 - DEPENDENT

Product/Process No. _____

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I have reviewed and understood this Invention Disclosure, and it (is) (is not) recommended to AMD for review for patenting at this time. It should be given (high) (normal) (low) priority.

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Autonomous Management Processor (AMP) – IP

- 1) An IOH with an embedded ASF engine
 - a) Supports both master and slave mode
 - b) 8051-based ASF engine in the IOH (not on the NIC)
- 2) Basic embedded 8051 architecture
 - a) IOH with embedded controller
 - b) Connection to an integrated Ethernet core
 - c) Modifications to the Ethernet core to route ASF messages to the ASF buffers
 - d) x86 -> 8051 communications structure, including interrupts
 - e) 8051 -> x86 communications structure, including interrupts
 - f) P&P configuration space for ASF
 - g) 8051 code stored in on-chip ROM, and shadowed from BIOS ROM into on-chip RAM – also running directly out of BIOS ROM
 - h) 8051/IOH control of system RESET and power supply based on RMCP commands
 - i) Resources in RTC well, 8051 in suspend well
- 3) Use of the AMP for both ASF and ACPI functions
 - a) embedding a controller in the chipset that is ACPI chapter 13 compliant
 - b) Using the AMP for both functions
 - c) System with both general x86 -> 8051 interface and a chapter 13 compliant interface
 - d) 8051 calling SMI-based x86 routines
- 4) Watchdog Timer/ASF system state determination (interpreting WDT timeouts in the context of system status (various BIOS boot states, etc.)
- 5) Hardware interlock that prevents an RMCP Reset or power down or power cycle from happening when the CPU is not hung. Needs to be a write-once initialization option. Tied into the WDT.
- 6) Hanging a smart card reader off of the AMP. Also biometric input devices.
- 7) SMI trap on reset and power down commands. Receipt of the command causes an SMI with a vector in the SEM trap register. The SMI code executes the command if it determines it to be valid. It also sets a timer = 1 second +1second, -0.001. If the timer expires before being reset by the SMI code – reset can only happen from within SMM – the command is executed by the AMP hardware.
- 8) 8051 code structure
 - a) Master control loop
 - b) Polling task
 - c) SMBus emulation task
 - d) ASF slave mode support
 - e) Incoming Push mode sensor messages on the SMBus
 - f) Address Resolution Protocol
 - g) Packet construction/decomposition
- 9) Embedded controller firmware structure with a hardware errant task termination mechanism
 - a) Hardware timer
 - b) All tasks having a clean-up and exit call
 - c) Makes errant tasks non-fatal
 - d) Task ID and sequence number